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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action sent on 18 June 2003.

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Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response from the date of the Examiner's action as needed, the fee being as follows:

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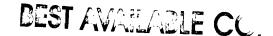
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 June 2003 (herein "Office Action"), the time for responding to which have been extended to and including December 18, 2003 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and the payment of the requisite fee, the Applicants respectfully request entry into the record of, and reconsideration in view of, this amendment and response. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 10 of this paper.